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Pursuant to the Examiner's request of February 28, 2003, made to the undersigned by telephone message, the applicants submit the attached further copy of the references listed in the PTO-1449 Form filed May 9, 2001. A further copy of these references was not believed to be required as the documents should be available to the Examiner in the parent application however the attached courtesy copy is being hand carried to the Examiner pursuant to a request for the same. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned if anything further is required in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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